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Photo courtesy Sumpter Township Fire Department
Four Sumpter Township Fire Fighters just graduated from the Fire 1&2 Academy, held through Huron Township. From left are Shauna Spoonamore, Scott Spoonamore, Donnie LaPorte, and Kyle Simmons. Classes began in August and were held twice a week, with many additional practices on Saturdays.

VBT Police seek armed robber of Dominic's store on Haggerty

Van Buren Township Police are investigating the armed robbery and assault of the owner of Dominic's Liquor & Deli in the Haggerty Center Plaza, 9880 Haggerty Road, at about 10:56 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2.

VBT Police Captain Gregory Laurain said a lone male entered the business armed with a handgun, demanding money from the employees, and then hitting the owner on the head with a tire iron he produced.

The suspect took an unknown amount of cash before running off to the east. Early reports said he had jumped into a waiting van.

The suspect is described as being a tall, thin, black male with a light complexion, wearing black pants and a dark blue pullover with three letters on the front. He was wearing a

baseball cap with an English D on the front. A purple-colored handkerchief was wrapped around his face.

The store owner was transported by Huron Valley Ambulance to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne with head injuries.

Another business person in the Haggerty Center said she was told the store owner's skull was cracked. He has a wife and young son. She asked for prayers for the family.

Captain Laurain confirmed this is the second robbery at the same store in the last eight months or so.

Anyone with information is urged to call detectives at 734-699-8922.

"The suspect is to be considered armed and dangerous," Captain Laurain warned.

4th Annual Report to Taxpayers

Van Buren Township Public Safety Department
Employees Wages & Actual cost to township 1/1/11 - 12/31/11

Employee Name	Police Wages	Fire Wages	Benefits	Total Compensation
Kenneth Floro	\$85,308.21	\$69,622.40	\$34,079.94	\$189,010.55
Marc Abdilla	\$74,051.88	\$52,248.52	\$31,586.09	\$157,886.49
Louis Keele	\$74,037.95	\$41,776.91	\$30,956.12	\$146,770.98
Ryan McCormick	\$67,397.64	\$44,638.08	\$30,293.63	\$142,329.35
Michael Moening	\$79,438.98	\$28,469.58	\$30,828.07	\$138,736.63
David Champagne	\$63,223.94	\$30,676.61	\$35,850.05	\$129,750.60
Gregory Laurain	\$99,104.95	—	\$29,220.13	\$128,325.08
Mark Buckberry Jr.	\$95,756.77	—	\$31,065.64	\$126,822.41
Kenneth Brooks	\$96,451.60	—	\$29,417.37	\$125,868.97
Frederick Yono	\$83,689.65	—	\$39,157.05	\$122,846.70
Charles Bazzz	\$81,847.43	—	\$36,282.57	\$118,130.00
Dennis Brooks	\$87,516.10	—	\$30,254.59	\$117,770.69
Michael Papin	\$83,753.45	—	\$29,637.64	\$113,391.09
Ernie Thornsby	\$93,444.38	—	\$19,066.85	\$112,511.23
Carrie Traster	\$74,525.50	—	\$35,502.03	\$110,027.53
Kenneth Toney	\$79,958.22	—	\$29,159.94	\$109,118.16
David Schuler**	\$42,544.65	\$41,854.10	\$24,696.95	\$109,095.70
Amy Smith (Naif)	\$71,140.52	—	\$34,975.03	\$106,115.55
Adam Byrd	\$70,640.13	—	\$34,915.43	\$105,555.56
Carl McClanahan	\$92,386.77	—	\$11,894.01	\$104,280.78
Bart DeVos	\$85,922.65	—	\$18,147.24	\$104,069.89
Anthony Karver	—	\$75,740.06	\$28,034.83	\$103,774.89
Donovan McCarthy	\$75,051.39	—	\$28,571.12	\$103,622.51
Alexander Schultz	\$78,746.33	—	\$24,414.85	\$103,161.18
Mark Buxton	\$74,010.09	—	\$28,446.17	\$102,456.26
Ryan Bidwell	\$66,832.66	—	\$34,578.89	\$101,411.55
Frederick Sweet	\$72,986.26	—	\$28,323.31	\$101,309.57
Darwin Loyer	—	\$70,630.07	\$29,928.28	\$100,558.35
Christopher Hayes	\$72,202.69	—	\$28,349.63	\$100,552.32
Jeffery Stanton	\$69,064.98	—	\$31,106.61	\$100,171.59
Dale Harrison	\$70,666.89	—	\$25,882.31	\$96,549.20
Patrick Wehrman	\$68,567.04	—	\$27,893.91	\$96,460.95
Christopher Valinski	\$78,627.91	—	\$17,014.37	\$95,642.28
Derek Perez	\$67,603.02	—	\$27,657.31	\$95,260.33
Keith Smyth	\$74,737.95	—	\$18,415.17	\$93,153.12
Christopher Herrick	\$65,199.40	—	\$27,368.58	\$92,567.98
Michael Long	\$73,849.90	—	\$18,230.06	\$92,079.96
Michael Rini	\$74,424.74	—	\$16,729.19	\$91,153.93
Robert Greene	\$42,144.15	\$16,718.50	\$32,133.62	\$90,996.27
Joseph Smith	\$63,465.13	—	\$27,281.69	\$90,746.82
Scott Griggs	\$72,599.70	—	\$16,526.22	\$89,125.92
Matthew Raschke	\$58,462.14	—	\$26,665.43	\$85,127.57
Jeffery Gueli	\$72,295.73	—	\$11,296.12	\$83,591.85
Kenneth Dandy	\$57,056.58	—	\$25,714.47	\$82,771.05
Ryan Barry	\$64,428.26	—	\$15,637.44	\$80,065.70
Michael Burgor	\$49,548.37	—	\$29,162.71	\$78,711.08
Jessica Shippe	\$62,540.23	—	\$15,410.88	\$77,951.11
Pamela Flemming	\$42,856.02	—	\$25,944.93	\$68,800.95
Roy Schroeder	\$42,858.26	—	\$2,966.38	\$45,824.64
James Miller	\$43,018.46	—	\$2,010.78	\$45,029.24
Sharon Kennedy	\$33,271.36	—	\$9,159.26	\$42,430.62
John Henderson	—	\$39,029.93	\$88.40	\$39,118.33
Ian Wong	\$26,182.04	—	\$11,807.33	\$37,989.37
Bruce Van Gemert	—	\$37,336.68	\$88.40	\$37,425.08
Ronald Folks	—	\$35,671.04	\$88.40	\$35,759.44
Christopher Wiggins	—	\$35,516.61	\$88.40	\$35,605.01

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4th Annual Report to Taxpayers

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Employee Name	Police Wages	Fire Wages	Benefits	Total Compensation
Danny Wilson	_____	\$32,031.90	\$88.40	\$32,120.30
Lacey Marcotte	_____	\$27,067.00	\$88.40	\$27,155.40
Douglas Doty	_____	\$25,094.17	\$88.40	\$25,182.57
Angela Hayes	_____	\$24,660.44	\$88.40	\$24,748.84
Timothy Queen	_____	\$23,435.22	\$88.40	\$23,523.62
Nicholas Robson	_____	\$23,149.69	\$88.40	\$23,238.09
John Hayden	_____	\$23,087.63	\$88.40	\$23,176.03
Curtis Lunsford	_____	\$22,831.28	\$88.40	\$22,919.68
Daniel Besson	_____	\$21,349.02	\$88.40	\$21,437.42
Michael Shores	_____	\$18,535.31	\$88.40	\$18,623.71
Richard Hamill Jr.	_____	\$17,895.97	\$88.40	\$17,984.37
Charles DeWitt	_____	\$16,146.91	\$88.40	\$16,235.31
Kenneth Landstrom	_____	\$15,742.70	\$88.40	\$15,831.10
Patrick Laskaska	_____	\$11,972.01	\$88.40	\$12,060.41
John Rose	_____	\$11,136.36	\$88.40	\$11,224.76
James Ferris	_____	\$8,994.11	\$88.40	\$9,082.51
Christopher Hull	_____	\$8,449.88	\$88.40	\$8,538.28
Todd Sorrell	_____	\$4,742.26	\$88.40	\$4,830.66
Kenneth Burke	_____	\$4,353.06	\$88.40	\$4,441.46
Joshua Worth	_____	\$3,621.62	_____	\$3,621.62
David Brouillette	_____	\$3,407.24	_____	\$3,407.24
Jeffery Schultz	_____	\$3,296.32	_____	\$3,296.32
George Smith	_____	\$2,928.90	_____	\$2,928.90
Elizabeth McCormick	_____	\$2,501.64	\$88.40	\$2,590.04
Anthony Simons	_____	\$2,264.74	_____	\$2,264.74
William Gage	_____	\$518.10	_____	\$518.10
Kevin Caldwell	_____	\$44.63	_____	\$44.63

** (Note) Wages for David Schueller are from the Planning Department and Fire Department.

Dispatch Employee	Dispatch Wages	Fire Wages	Benefits	Total Compensation
David McNally	\$51,907.05	\$55,215.09	\$29,063.27	\$136,185.41
Donald Leonard	\$48,751.77	_____	\$32,331.66	\$81,083.43
Gretchen Lucas	\$52,755.76	_____	\$25,938.48	\$78,694.24
Robert Martin	\$50,154.66	_____	\$25,540.08	\$75,694.74
Julie Jones	\$54,787.71	_____	\$14,345.34	\$69,133.05
Sally Donaldson	\$52,256.04	_____	\$14,118.45	\$66,374.49
Teri Rea	\$50,823.67	_____	\$15,509.75	\$66,333.42
Kathleen Springer	\$41,497.82	_____	\$24,587.53	\$66,085.35
Terri Brooks	\$51,346.48	_____	\$6,485.10	\$57,831.58
Dana Schaefer	\$11,522.70	_____	\$0.00	\$11,522.70

Blended Rate Employee 2010 - 2011 Compensation Comparisons

Employee Name	2010	2011	Increase (Decrease)	%
Kenneth Floro	\$174,171.71	\$189,010.55	14,838.84	8.52%
Marc Abdilla	\$153,025.64	\$157,886.49	4,860.85	3.18%
Louis Keele	\$141,363.59	\$146,770.98	5,407.39	3.83%
Ryan McCormick	\$133,642.23	\$142,329.35	8,687.12	6.50%
Michael Moening	\$147,462.25	\$138,736.63	(8,725.62)	-5.92%
David McNally	\$124,895.23	\$136,185.41	11,290.18	9.04%
David Champagne	\$130,959.20	\$129,750.60	(1,208.60)	-0.92%
Robert Green (retired)	\$140,622.95	\$90,996.27	(49,626.68)	-35.29%
David Schuler (wages only)	\$80,438.80	\$84,395.75	3,956.95	4.92%
Total	\$1,226,581.60	\$1,216,062.04	(10,519.56)	-0.86%

Report on how much taxpayers pay their public servants

This is the fourth year that the *Belleville-Area Independent* has presented a report on what local taxpayers are paying their public servants. The *Independent* started Jan. 15, 2009,

by printing a report on the top 25 money-makers in the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department during 2008 and it grew from there. This year we had help from two volunteers who put the information together from 123 pages of VBT documents. We appreciate them a lot. -- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

Van Buren Township Employees Wages & Actual cost to township 1/1/11 - 12/31/11

Full Time Elected Officials	Wages	Longevity Pay	Benefits	Total Compensation
Supervisor Paul White	\$80,303.87	\$961.50	\$31,203.27	\$112,468.64
Clerk Leon Wright	\$68,856.75	\$961.50	\$9,744.40	\$79,562.65
Treasurer Sharry Budd	\$71,420.75	\$6,250.00	\$29,576.84	\$107,247.59
Part-Time Trustees				
Phillip Hart	\$12,817.21	\$1,833.37	\$28,384.46	\$43,035.04
Jeffery Jahr	\$12,775.54	\$1,375.00	\$10,257.65	\$24,408.19
Albert Ostrowski	\$12,692.21	\$458.37	\$8,770.88	\$21,921.46
Denise Partridge	\$12,692.21	\$458.37	\$23,442.05	\$36,592.63
Salaried Employees				
Vernon Morse	\$59,645.65	\$3,605.75	\$26,159.31	\$89,410.71
Kathleen Cline	\$65,849.96	\$3,605.75	\$34,470.25	\$103,925.96
Steve Rankin	\$66,337.58	\$1,442.50	\$17,038.17	\$84,818.25
Linda Stevenson	\$54,592.14	\$4,807.50	\$31,719.83	\$91,119.47
Susan Ireland	\$76,877.23	\$4,533.58	\$17,767.66	\$99,178.47
Diane Wilson	\$43,589.22	\$2,000.05	\$14,926.69	\$60,515.96
Sean Bellingham	\$69,393.20	\$2,403.75	\$27,481.24	\$99,278.19
Daniel Swallow	\$20,981.26	\$48.08	\$1,837.17	\$22,866.51
Terry Carroll	\$54,548.09	_____	\$20,173.01	\$74,721.10
Thomas MacDonald	\$71,007.14	_____	\$9,286.42	\$80,293.56
Todd Knepper	\$33,455.34	\$240.40	\$10,541.66	\$44,237.40
Bruce Ross	\$27,934.22	\$769.25	\$7,925.07	\$36,628.54
Jennifer Wright	\$55,051.83	\$2,644.25	\$25,230.53	\$82,926.61
Andrew Burns	\$44,330.91	\$19.16	\$14,397.90	\$58,747.97
Lynette Jordan	\$46,050.68	\$1,682.50	\$26,078.84	\$73,812.02
Alwena McCracken	\$38,958.42	_____	\$5,285.90	\$44,244.32
Ryan Drotar	\$47,499.20	_____	\$15,539.73	\$63,038.93
Hourly Employees				
Barbara Greenhill	\$14,150.50	_____	_____	\$14,150.50
Joanne Montgomery	\$46,414.61	_____	\$6,078.36	\$52,492.97
Carol Towles	\$50,008.31	_____	\$6,598.76	\$56,607.07
Patricia Veerkamp	\$17,105.31	_____	_____	\$17,105.31
Donna Hunter	\$46,142.32	_____	\$12,885.52	\$59,027.84
Jeffery Fondaw	\$61,366.40	_____	\$25,580.47	\$86,946.87
Kirk Jenkins	\$51,789.89	_____	\$31,112.75	\$82,902.64
Christopher Yaglosky	\$43,201.95	_____	\$28,072.57	\$71,274.52
Bert Conrad	\$31,650.19	_____	\$12,750.96	\$44,401.15
Thomas Buczkowski	\$60,841.68	_____	\$25,808.45	\$86,650.13
Patricia Queener	\$27,692.54	_____	\$4,200.07	\$31,892.61
Judy Fields	\$67,873.29	_____	\$30,454.73	\$98,328.02
Robert Queener	\$50,616.85	_____	\$29,259.40	\$79,876.25
Brenda Kurtz	\$37,336.79	_____	\$19,551.15	\$56,887.94
Tina Grishaber	\$45,302.07	_____	\$14,507.61	\$59,809.68
Matthew Forster	\$55,648.29	_____	\$15,787.11	\$71,435.40
Kristy Bovitz	\$43,404.45	_____	\$27,556.69	\$70,961.14
Laurei McIntosh	\$43,435.73	_____	\$26,505.35	\$69,941.08
Karen Smith	\$43,699.10	_____	\$24,353.07	\$68,052.17
Bradley Hine	\$56,703.65	_____	\$24,896.91	\$81,600.56
Noah Caincross	\$65,957.62	_____	\$15,496.93	\$81,454.55
Jason Valinski	\$65,552.32	_____	\$13,585.86	\$79,138.18
Charles Esch	\$44,306.88	_____	\$13,021.28	\$57,328.16
Jeffery Osborne	\$48,374.02	_____	\$31,133.91	\$79,507.93
Mario Pinard	\$70,012.37	_____	\$34,323.78	\$104,336.15
James Taylor	\$15,938.49	_____	_____	\$15,938.49
Joseph Strickland	\$67,837.41	_____	\$22,666.71	\$90,504.12
Jennifer Price	\$42,846.45	_____	\$24,353.07	\$67,199.52
Christina Harman	\$45,806.15	_____	\$22,122.87	\$67,929.02

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Here's our report to taxpayers on your employee costs

This is the fourth year we have requested annual employee wages and benefits from local municipalities through the Freedom of Information Act – and then printed them for everyone to study.

It was shocking to the employees at first, but now they are getting used to seeing their wages out for public discussion.

It also was shocking to the taxpayers. Who knew we paid our public servants that much? Or, that little?

It all started because of discussions on excessive Van Buren Township police overtime. So, we got the figures and put them out there.

Then, there were discussions about VBT blended rates and we showed you the figures.

Last year, we included all the employees in VBT, City of Belleville, and Sumpter Township. (Sumpter is running a little behind this year, but we're assured we'll be getting the figures soon – and then we'll publish them.)

All this is to give our readers a look at what their tax dollars are buying locally. Local budgets are the easiest to watch, so let's do it.

Anything about the paychecks in your community that makes you mad? Go to a meeting. Get informed. Write a letter to the editor. Run for office. Do something about it.

Knowledge is power and your local newspaper is here to help.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

For some reason I wrote that the Genealogy Workshop at the library would be on *Thursdays*, but actually it will be on *Wednesdays*. The dates I gave were right: Feb. 15, Feb. 22, Feb. 29, and March 7.

The class is being taught by Ginger and Keith Bruder. Registration is required and the class will fill up quickly, if past classes are any indication. Call the library at 699-9321 for more information.

Times are really tough for many municipalities. VBT Supervisor Paul White told me that at a recent meeting he attended those present were informed that 75 municipalities in the state qualified to have emergency managers.

VBT isn't one and he said he is trying to make sure it stays in the black.

In the Jan. 23 issue of *Waste & Recycling News*, there was a story about the town of New Brockton, Alabama, that was having hard times and its garbage truck got repossessed. It bought the truck for \$165,000 on a five-year lease and then expected to buy the truck for \$1 at the conclusion of the lease.

But, it couldn't make the payments and the truck was repossessed, leaving the township's 462 residences (1,150 population) with no garbage pickup.

Waste Management to the rescue! The company volunteered its services to the town and formed a temporary contract to collect the garbage.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, we received several calls in the late afternoon about a bunch of police cars around DiPietro & Day law offices on Main Street near the Belleville Bridge. (The law firm currently serves as the city attorney.)



Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor said it was shift change time and so all the officers responded to the trouble at the law office when a person unhappy with how a legal case was going raised a fuss.

Chief Taylor said it was all worked out with attorney John Day as "the boys in blue armed to the teeth" stood by.

But, that wasn't the end of the story for Tammy Townsend, who told us she is the "unhappy person". She said Day was representing her sister, who had taken custody of their father's ashes and kept them for two years. A Probate Court date was coming up Feb. 7.

Tammy said their father wanted to be buried with her late son Tyler in Hillside Cemetery. As the disagreement escalated, she grabbed the ashes and Day grabbed them back, Tammy said. Tammy alleges Day slammed her against the door and her incision burst open. An ambulance was called to evaluate her "injury".

Tammy said she is fighting cancer and had just had lymph nodes surgically removed. She said her drainage tube was pulled out in the fray. She said she is due to start chemotherapy soon.

A witness, however, said Day did not push or injure Tammy and Tammy refused transport by the ambulance.

Tammy said she's been referred to attorney Geoffrey Feiger. It's all been recorded on her cell phone. I learned that Day had been given custody of the ashes by the court and

so he couldn't give them to Tammy unless she signed a document, which she refused to sign.

I received a call on Friday asking why sirens from Van Buren Township Fire Department were sounding for "20 minutes" on Bemis Road around 6:30 that morning.

I put the question to VBT FD Public Information Officer Dan Besson and he replied promptly. He said an unresponsive person was not breathing in a home on Renton Road and both the North and South Duty Crews responded. They found the patient in cardiac arrest and used all the live-saving measures they had, but could not revive the person.

Dan said the sirens heard by our reader probably came from the two fire trucks, two police cars, and the HVA ambulance responding to the scene. He cited several laws that require the fire department to use both lights AND sirens while responding to an emergency call, with few exceptions.

To be precise, my caller wasn't complaining about the use of emergency sirens, but was just wondering what was going on in his neighborhood. We all want emergency crews to get to us or our family members as soon and as safely as possible when they are needed.



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Letters

**Can you help the Senior
Party at BHS this year?**

To the Community:

My name is Melissa Linzell and I am a teacher at Belleville High School. I am also in charge of the annual Senior Party that is hosted every May immediately following our commencement ceremony.

If you are not familiar with the event, it is an exclusive gathering for our graduating seniors and runs from the time commencement is over until approximately 2 a.m. Most seniors attend (on average 80%) and get to walk the halls while playing games, dancing, riding bikes, and spending just a few more hours with fellow classmates and staff members.

At the end of the night all students are ushered into the auditorium to watch a video about their class. When they leave each student receives a gift and some also receive prizes. The idea is that the students are in a safe environment and get to have a good time while doing so.

There are a couple of ways in which the community can become involved in our party planning process. We would like to invite any community member that is interested in lending a hand or having input in the process to attend our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 6:15 to 7 p.m. in room B-25 at

the high school. If anyone is interested in helping and cannot attend, the next one is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at the same time and place.

Anyone unable to attend a meeting but still willing to help can contact me at mlinzell@vanburenschools.net.


The planning committee would also like to extend the invitation to any local businesses or alumni who might like to donate to the cause in the form of goods or money. Various types of items are needed for the night to be a success. Decorations, food, beverages, and prizes are just a few of the items that help to make the event memorable for our students. Donations are not only needed but are crucial to making the party a success. Anyone willing to donate in any fashion should also contact me at mlinzell@vanburenschools.net.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Melissa Linzell
Belleville High School, Mathematics
Student Council Lead Advisor

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he who has hope has everything"*

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**Wild Game Dinner was
sold out, big success**

To the Editor:

The Wayne County Fair Board would like to thank all those who contributed to or volunteered for our "Wild Game Dinner" Fundraiser.

The dinner was sold out and a huge success, and has become a much-anticipated annual event.

Thanks again to all our supporters. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Sincerely,
The Wayne County Fair Board

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More Letters

Young Life thanks Belleville Community

To the Editor:

I want to express my thanks to our Belleville Community, and especially to our downtown businesses for their great support of Young Life.

Saturday (1-28-12) we held a Corn Hole/Bean Bag Tournament to raise funds to send kids to Young Life camp.

The participation from our community and beyond was incredible. The week before, I went to several of our downtown businesses to solicit gift certificates to use as raffle items during the tournament.

I was very warmly received by every business manager and owner I spoke with. Their genuine interest in the youth of this community is impressive. I want to highlight The Bayou Grill, The Char House and Pro Hardware for their generous contributions and their tender heart toward kids.

It has been a pleasure living in a community that values the need to reach this generation of kids.

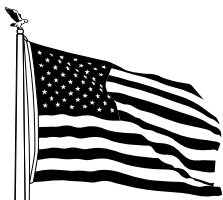
This weekend Feb. 3-5, we are taking a group of Middle School students to Young Life's Timber Wolf Lake Camp. Most of these kids received scholarships.

They will have the best weekend of their lives. Best of all, they will be with fully screened, caring, trained adults who will form mentoring relationships with them.

This is only possible by the many people in this community who give generously, and often sacrificially, to Young Life. May God bless you all!

Very Sincerely,
Susan Walker, Young Life Co-Chair
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Obituaries



Dallas Theo McNeil

DALLAS THEO MC NEIL

(January 16, 1932 – February 1, 2012)

Dallas T. McNeil, age 80, of Belleville, passed away February 1, 2012. Beloved husband of Lula Gaye (Lu). Loving father of David (Alvernia) McNeil, James (Whitnie) McNeil and Lisa (Mark) Whitbeck. Dear grandfather of Kristie, Amy, Stephanie McNeil and Jacob and Adam Whitbeck. He is also survived by his brother Debert (Carol) McNeil. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Hartensia McNeil and his siblings Clifton, Elmer, Martin, Sarah, Emily and William. Funeral service was at 5 p.m. Saturday, February 4, at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Saturday, 1:00-8:00 PM.

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Robert J. LaPointe

ROBERT J. LA POINTE

(November 5, 1945 - January 31, 2012)

Robert J. LaPointe, 66, of Canton, died January 31, 2012. During his coaching career, he was Belleville High School football coach for 17 years.

He was the loving husband of Carol; beloved father of Renee (Doug) Babcock, Bo, Daniel, and Karen (Jeffrey) Reich; dear brother of Bonnie (Tim) Wyman; proud Papa of Brooke and Daniel Babcock, Andrew, Marynn, and Cameron LaPointe, and Sydney, Liam, and Genevieve Reich.

Bob had a 42-year career as a football coach and teacher. He coached and taught at Dearborn Divine Child, Harper Woods Notre Dame, and Belleville High Schools, as well as Eastern Michigan University. His coaching highlights include winning the Class B High School State Championship with Dearborn Divine Child in 1975 and breaking the EMU losing streak in 1982.

Services were February 4, 2012 at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville, with interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Arrangements were by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to Belleville High School Football Program, 501 W. Columbia, Belleville 48111.



Harold C. Ackron, Sr.

HAROLD C. ACKRON, SR.

(January 9, 1947 - February 5, 2012)

Harold Charles Ackron, Sr., age 65, life-long Belleville area resident, passed away Sunday, February 5, 2012 at Select Specialty Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born January 9, 1947 in Sumpter Township, son of the late James M. & Mary Ann (Kielman) Ackron.

He graduated from Lincoln High School, class of 1966. He enjoyed working in the construction business and owned and operated Belleville Contracting for many years. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and the Moose Lodge #934, both of Belleville. He loved deer hunting, planting and tending his flowers and most of all, hanging-out with his grandkids.

Harold is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sandy Kay (Kuehn) Ackron; two sons Harold Ackron, Jr. of Ypsilanti, MI and Michael (Cathy) Ackron of Newark, Ohio; a daughter Wendy Ackron of Belleville; 4 grandchildren Savannah, Harold III, Kandace & Kristopher Ackron; 2 great-grandchildren Seth Ackron and Kara Tharp; a sister Orlinda Chudzinski of Houghton Lake, MI; brother-in-law Fred Kuehn of Belleville; numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces & nephews; also his dogs Rocky & Scrubs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Brenda Ackron, also four siblings Jim, Jerry, Joyce and Norm Ackron.

Visitation was 5-8 PM Wednesday and will be 12-4 PM & 6-8 PM Thursday with a 7 PM Prayer Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Closing Prayers will be 10:30 AM Friday at the funeral home, processing to St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, for an 11 AM Funeral Mass. Father Thomas H. Cusick and Deacon Peter Cornell will serve as Celebrants. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions made be made to St. Anthony's and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Ronald T. Phillips

RONALD THEODORE PHILLIPS

(August 27, 1939 – February 4, 2012)

Ronald Theodore Phillips, 72, affectionately known to his grandchildren as "Papa Ron," died February 4, 2012 at his home in Belleville, MI. He was born August 27, 1939 in Hamtramck, MI, the son of Theodore and Rose (Skszek) Phillips.

The family moved to Belleville in 1945. Ronald's first job, at a very young age, was delivering The Detroit News and Detroit Times for the Belleville area. He graduated from Belleville High School in 1957, attended Eastern Michigan University, and apprenticed as an electrical engineer. He retired from GM Powertrain, Ypsilanti, serving in several capacities, including electrician, GM Maintenance Supervisor and Reliability Coordinator.

He had a love of American history, boating, and classical music.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; daughter Carolyn (Michael) Sanders and grandchildren Michael and Kathryn Brown, all of Atlanta, GA; and daughter Wendy (Craig) Comis and grandchild Tiffany Memering, all of Belleville; sister Lillian (Richard) Zimmer of Belleville.

He was predeceased by his parents. The rite of cremation has been accorded. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice.

In Memory of 'Lee'

To the Editor:

The Wayne County Fair Board and Association Members are saddened by the loss of our friend Charles "Lee" Hivley, aka "Cowboy", who passed away Thursday, Jan. 24. He was on the Fair Board and an Association Member for many years, and we appreciate all his hard work. His friends here will surely miss him.

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Belleville Planners OK new zoning ordinance revisions for storage

By Bob Mytych
Independent Special Writer

At its regular meeting on Jan. 12 the Belleville Planning Commission approved, by a 6-1 vote, some changes to the city’s zoning ordinance dealing with storage of recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers on private property within the city.

Commissioner Michael Hawkins voted no to the changes, while John Juriga, Jesse Marcotte, Jason Rodriguez, Matt Wagner, Mike Renaud, and Steve Jones voted in favor.

Hawkins, who personally had prior issues with the city regarding storage, brought up concerns during the ordinance review process. He did not say whether his concerns have been completely resolved.

The commission addressed the concerns the city had with the ordinance that limits the proportions of these vehicles and trailers and where on the property that they can be stored in relation to front and backyard setbacks. New language along with better new screening definitions have also been added

Under the changes recommended by the planning commission, no longer would an applicant need to come before the commission for special-use approval before taking the planning commission’s decision to the city’s Zoning Board of Appeals. Special approvals will remain as a requirement but they would solely go to the ZBA.

A recreational vehicle may be stored as a variance from the ZBA, subject to satisfying certain conditions.

Using permanent or temporary privacy fencing language was removed. Screening shall now include natural materials along with evergreen trees and bushes.

Neighbors on parcels adjacent to an applicant shall be notified and given opportunity to appear at the ZBA variance hearing. Old language provided notice that an applicant was to appear before the planning commission first.

Steve Jakubik, who spoke during the public comment portion of the agenda, said the ordinance doesn’t work and believes the commission should re-write it.

A High Street resident with the lake as his back yard, Jakubik still has storage issues on his property and was advised to meet with City DPS Director Keith Boc and get something in writing to address them. Jakubik’s boat on its trailer exceeds the length permitted by ordinance by just a few feet.

The proposed ordinance change now will be sent to the Belleville City Council for consideration.

In other business, the commission received a copy of the city’s proposed new sign ordinance, prepared by a committee of three over an 18-month span and presented to the city council in November. The council sent it on to the planning commission for review.

Commission members will study the language prior to their next meeting on Feb. 9.

The commission also was to ask the Belleville Downtown Development Authority to help form a subcommittee to outline a course of action for the city to take in revising the general ordinance for signage.

The city and the planning commission years ago put together a list of non-conforming signs within the city and letters were sent to notify the property owners. The letters were an attempt to take a step in ordinance enforcement.

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J.Shrove	1,000.00	76.50	-	-	-	1,076.50
R.Smith	1,500.00	114.75	-	-	-	1,614.75
K.Tindall	1,000.00	76.50	-	-	-	1,076.50
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D.Kollmeyer	68,000.00	5,202.00	6,800.00	646.90	18,415.32	99,064.22
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T.McGlynn	36,028.80	2,756.20	6,939.28	415.80	8,017.38	54,157.46
S.Moore	37,454.00	2,865.23	7,017.26	415.80	8,017.38	55,769.67
M.Sayo	37,454.00	2,865.23	7,005.76	415.80	18,415.32	66,156.11
C.Smith	17,505.66	1,339.18	-	-	7,267.26	26,112.10
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S.Adams	47,878.33	3,662.69	9,210.88	415.80	20,895.54	82,063.24
S.Demond	51,113.32	3,910.17	9,830.41	415.80	20,895.54	86,165.23
L.Prybyla	47,634.22	3,644.02	9,160.82	415.80	20,895.54	81,750.40
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J.Moeller	61,738.03	4,722.96	15,704.41	646.90	13,120.98	95,933.28
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B.Dawson	13,164.00	1,007.05	-	108.05	-	14,279.10
D.Brooks	26,124.00	1,998.49	-	-	-	28,122.49
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K.M. Grant	4,234.50	323.94	-	-	-	4,558.44
S. Griggs	1,744.17	133.43	-	-	-	1,877.60
J. Keeten	1,835.67	140.43	-	-	-	1,976.10
G. Kennedy	640.50	49.00	-	-	-	689.50
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M.Loria	1,217.84	93.16	-	-	-	1,311.00
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C.McClinton	2,286.50	174.92	-	-	-	2,461.42
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C.Zweng	4,708.17	360.18	-	-	-	5,068.35
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Belleville Reserve Police Officer Edward Smith, center, gives certificates of appreciation to City Councilwoman Kim Tindall, left, and CERT Team Leader Steve Jones, right, at the Feb. 6 City Council meeting. Officer Smith is program coordinator for the Tri-Community Community Emergency Response Team. Tindall and Jones have been CERT members from the beginning a year ago. So far, CERT members have volunteered a total of 1,191 hours in community service.

11th District Democrats to hold May 5 caucus at Victory Station in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the Belleville City Council gave unanimous approval for local Democrats to use Victory Station at Five Points for their May 5 Presidential Primary Caucus.

John Herman, president of the Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club, said he is the person in charge of setting up the Southwestern Wayne caucus site for the 11th Congressional District, which includes Belleville and Van Buren Township. There will be about 14 caucus sites in the 11th District.

On Jan. 10, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved use of its Community Center for one of the caucus sites for the 15th Congressional District.

Herman explained the situation. He said a year ago the Democratic Party put out a request to hold a caucus in Michigan, rather than a primary, and asked the Republican Party to do the same thing to save \$10 million. He pointed out that the state is paying for the election and the money saved could have gone to education.

"That was not about to happen," Herman told the City Council, noting Republican Secretary of State Ruth Johnson put out ballots for both Republicans and Democrats for the Feb. 28 presidential primary in Michigan.

He said the Republican Party put President Obama on the ballot for the Feb. 28 election. He said President Obama did not ask to be put on the ballot, nor did he ask to be taken off the ballot.

The dilemma came when Democrats learned they can only vote once and the votes at the caucus will determine the number of

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delegates to the national convention. At first, party leaders urged Democrats not to vote in the Feb. 28 election.

But, Herman said, last Saturday, Democratic Party leaders met and decided that Democrats can vote in both the Feb. 28 election and the May 5 caucus, with the caucus still determining the delegates.

The May 5 caucuses at both Victory Station and the Sumpter Community Center will begin with set up at 9 a.m.

In other business at Monday's 30-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved holding the annual citywide yard sales on Saturday, Aug. 25, and Sunday, Aug. 26. Although historically the sales had been scheduled the week end after Labor Day, the city tried a new date last year so purchases could be made for students going back to school. Last year, Five Points suddenly was closed for construction that week end, and sales were down. The council decided to give the early date another try;

- Approved a rain date of June 23 for the already approved June 2 Classic Car Show and Tea planned at Victory Park by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts;

- Set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m., Feb. 21, to receive comments and suggestions on use of the \$57,000 Community Development Block Grants for 2012. Proposed uses are senior/disabled services, barrier-free improvements, senior chore services, and planning / administration;

- Approved the annual filing for the 2013 SMART grant to subsidize the city service that provides transportation to the elderly and disabled;

- Approved transfer of up to \$500 to purchase a computer printer, with the exact model yet to be determined;

- Approved accounts payable of \$151,788.69 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon, \$3,290 to replace sewer line (from Water budget); to ES&S, \$1,774.64, for election coding; to Evans Electric, \$595 to repair light pole; and to Hennessey, \$667 to update maps (from Water budget);

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria report on Chamber of Commerce activities. He said the chamber will put on a March 31 road rally throughout the community. Also, he has volunteered to be in charge of the Senior Olympics bicycle race in the city this summer and plans to proposed a new route that includes Edgemont School;

- Heard a report from Police Chief Gene Taylor on his American Pride project,

which started last June on Flag Day. He is raising funds to provide flags throughout the community for this year's Flag Day; and

- Heard Mayor Kerreen Conley and council members praise the work of the Tri-Community CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members, following a report by CERT Program Coordinator Edward Smith, a Belleville Reserve Police Officer. Mayor Conley said, "We certainly hope we never have to use them." There are presently 16 trained CERT members and a new class will be set up for late March. Smith said the first two trainings were reimbursed by Wayne County and the county check for the third training is still pending.

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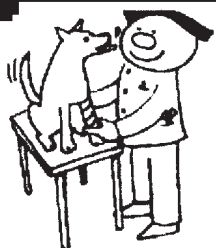
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Question from Sue in Sumpter Township: On my road there is a home that the owners have been foreclosed on almost 2 years ago. They are still living in the home. My daughter is moving back to Michigan, and it would be nice if she could buy a home close to me. What is the process and how long does it take for a foreclosed home to go on the market for sale?

Answer: Once a bank has foreclosed, the owners of the home have a 6-month redemption period; if they have 3 or more acres, they have a year for redemption after the foreclosure (Sheriff deed) date.

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Once the bank takes possession of the home, most often a company is contracted to clean out the home and provide basic maintenance. Also a Realtor is contacted to preview the home to determine condition and pricing on behalf of the bank for a future listing of the foreclosed property.

These steps may take some additional months before you see signs on the windows or a yard sign to actually confirm the bank-owned home is for sale.

If you are interested in this home for your daughter, watch the future activity at the home, so you will know first-hand when it goes on the market. --Angela

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BHS collaborates with EMU to bring college credit to high school

Van Buren Public Schools Press Release

At the Jan. 18 Van Buren Public Schools Board meeting, the Board approved the Eastern Michigan University/Belleville High School proposal for German 3rd and 4th year students to receive 5 EMU credits upon the successful completion of the class.

High school students and staff are very excited about partnering with EMU.

Stacey Buhro, Guidance Office department head, said, "Belleville High School has traditionally had very strong world language programs. Several of our students go on to college and are able to test into higher-

level language classes. This opportunity will allow our students to actually earn the college credit while they are in high school."

Donna Wright, German language instructor said, "I have many students who are interested in taking German for college credit. This will save students about \$2,000 per semester."

High school German students were quoted as saying: "I am very excited about the opportunity to enter college with five to ten credits that I earned while in high school!"

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The driver of the second vehicle was freed from his crushed car after 28 minutes of extrication.

Van Buren Township Fire Department Public Information Officer Dan Besson said Incident Commander Ron Folks sent for the Survival Flight helicopter because of the extensive injuries and the time it was going to take to get the victims from their vehicles.

The VBT fire department was dispatched at 4:05 a.m. on Saturday to Ecorse Road, in the area west of Beck Road. Duty crews from both Station 1 and 2 responded, as well as on-call fire fighters. Besson said the truck from nearby Station 2 arrived within five minutes.

Mutual aid was requested from Canton Township and Ypsilanti Township because more equipment and fire fighters were needed for the extrications, Besson said.

One driver was a 25-year-old Detroit man in an older-model Lincoln Continental. He suffered major leg and moderate head injuries, Besson said.

After a 28-minute extrication, he was loaded in a Huron Valley Ambulance and taken in critical condition to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Trauma Center in Ypsilanti.

The 24-year-old woman from Ypsilanti was driving a newer Pontiac Grand Prix. She was wearing her seat belt at the time of the crash and complained of head, chest, and abdominal injuries.

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Belleville Arts Council sets first of monthly building-fund dinners

This Sunday, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts will hold the first of its monthly dinners to raise money for its new building fund.

Dinners will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at the corner of High and Main Streets in downtown Belleville.

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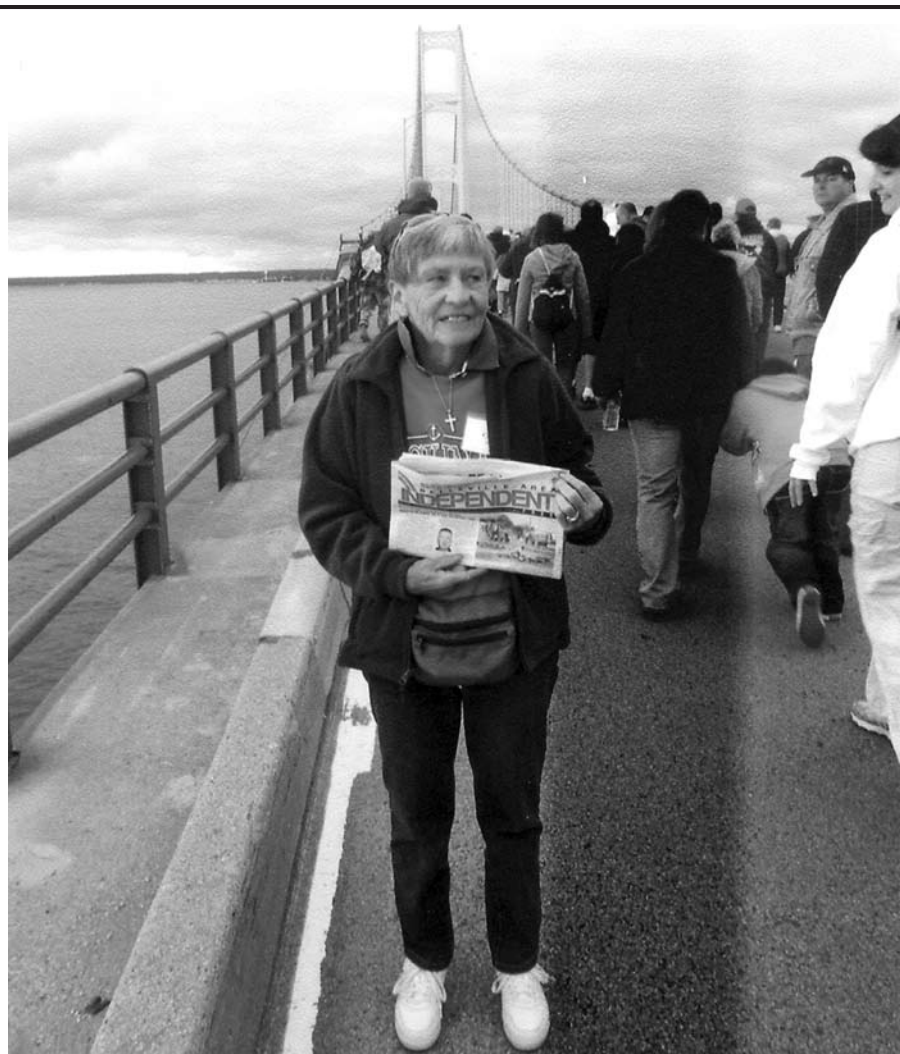
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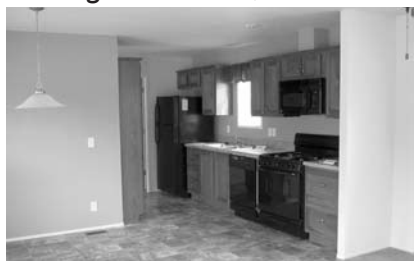
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City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes January 17, 2012

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Blackburn	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENT

Police Chief, Gene Taylor made mention of awards earned by 16 Reserve Officers for their hours of service.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Blackburn to approve the revised agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of January 3, 2012 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. BACA Request – Bunnies on Main Street

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 12-004 to approve request to have Bunnies on Main Street from Monday, April 2, 2012 until Monday, April 9, 2012 with the help of DPS with the putting up and taking down.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. BACA Request – Classic Car Show and Classic Tea

Motion by Blackburn, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 12-005 to approve request to hold the Classic Car Show and Classic Tea at Victory Park on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Permission also given to use Victory Station to heat water and to prepare refreshments.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Bayou Grill – Crawfish Boil

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 12-006 to approve request to hold Crawfish Boil at Fourth Street Square on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. with FD approval of propane tanks.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Request To Use Fourth Street Square – Wedding

Motion by Tindall, Second by Blackburn to approve Resolution No. 12-007 to approve a request as presented to use Fourth Street Square on Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. for a wedding.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Open Sealed Bids – 1997 Ford F-800 Dump Truck

Motion by Blackburn, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 12-008 to open sealed bids for 1997 Ford F-800 Dump Truck and to refer bids to administration for review and recommendation.

Russ Scroi	\$ 675.00
Harlan Davenport	\$3,750.00
Blue Ribbon Contracting	\$7,501.00

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Intergovernmental Agreement – Dispatch & Lockup Services

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 12-009 to approve contract for dispatch & lockup services with corrections presented by Van Buren Township consisting of clerical errors, a missing paragraph, and the lockup amount being corrected to \$22,700. Also to include changes requested by City of Belleville to ask for 180 days but no less than 120 days notice to make dispatch center changes which necessitate modification or replacement of equipment belonging to the City and to change cancellation notice time frame from one year to six months.

AYES: Conley, Loria, Smith, Tindall

NAYS: Blackburn

MOTION CARRIED.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Blackburn to approve Resolution No. 12-010 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 and to approve an additional amount of \$326.53 interest on pay off of 420 Savage Road property.

AYES: Conley, Loria, Smith, Tindall

NAYS: Blackburn

MOTION CARRIED.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Blackburn to adjourn meeting at 8:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: February 6, 2012

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.
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Sunday, Jan. 29:

0141 – property damage accident, Oak Ln./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0204 – operating while intoxicated, 10300 Jackson
0325 – disturbance, 32 S. Ponderosa Trl.
0406 – assault & battery, 41462 E. Archwood Dr.
0553 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Elwell
0815 – malicious destruction of property, 42256 McBride
1211 – malicious destruction of property, 41878 McBride
1245 – intimidation threat, 10699 Jackson
1405 – private property accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1737 – retail fraud, Kmart
2153 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Belleville

2205 – hospice, 44911 Ecorse

Monday, Jan. 30:

0615 – private property accident, 42893 Berkdale
0859 – animal bite, 42084 Salem Ct.
1120 – breaking & entering, 41830 Pierce
1140 – private property accident, 287 Industrial
1259 – disorderly conduct, 49608 Cross
1336 – private property accident, 9800 Belleville
1404 – larceny, 8707 Samuel Barton
1439 – assault & battery, 7401 Rawsonville
1547 – mental, 9101 E. Walden Dr.
1857 – missing person, 8991 W. Walden Dr.
1918 – agency assist, Haggerty/Van Born
1941 – disturbance, 48021 S. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 31:

0034 – agency assist, VB Plaza
0125 – suspicious situation, 6134 Gilmore
0605 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 299 Holly Ln.
1505 – liquor violation, 46425 Tyler
1508 – assault & battery, 9878 Wheeler
1906 – breaking & entering, 48741 S. I-94 Service
2249 – assault & battery, 46040 Lake Villa Dr.
2353 – breaking & entering, 327 Timberlane

Wednesday, Feb. 1:

0155 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Belleville
0441 – agency assist, 168 N. Liberty
0813 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 49060 Denton
1114 – breaking & entering, 50030 Bemis
1124 – intimidation threat, 7477 Rawsonville
1420 – agency assist, Rawsonville/Grove
1504 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 49000 bl. Denton

1521 – shots fired, 6418 Western
1536 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Belleville
1716 – suspicious person, Denton/Cedar
1807 – fraud all, Meijer
2221 – malicious destruction of property, 48641 S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 2:

0154 – malicious destruction of property, 15456 Brookside Dr.
0643 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville
0645 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville
0926 – suspicious situation, Lenmoore/Savage
0958 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kmart
1056 – holdup alarm, 9880 Haggerty
1244 – sexual assault, 46425 Tyler
1424 – larceny, 46425 Tyler
1530 – juvenile complaint, Heatherfield / S. Timberview

1605 – property damage accident, Belleville / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1620 – property damage accident, Belleville / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1626 – suspicious vehicle, 6317 Gilmore
1632 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 46000 Lake Villa Dr.
1700 – private property accident, 41358 Ecorse
1755 – fraud all, 10950 Belleville
2026 – intimidation threat, 6973 Belleville
2223 – property damage accident, Haggerty / E.

Huron River Dr.

Friday, Feb. 3:

0624 – assist fire dept., 17200 Renton
0901 – malicious destruction of property, 11530 Belleville
1218 – mental, 6272 Sandlewood
1422 – harassment call, 6973 Belleville
1424 – mental, 6272 Sandlewood
1636 – robbery, 46080 Lake Villa Dr. (unfounded)
1645 – assault & battery, 8852 Ironwood
1652 – intimidation threat, 7202 Belle Pointe Dr.
1733 – driving under the influence, Kmart
1738 – assault & battery, 37 N. Ponderosa Trl.
1745 – assault & battery, 49265 Hull
1836 – missing person, 13801 Cobblestone Creek
1837 – fraud all, 41480 W. Archwood
1922 – breaking & entering, 11805 Meadows Cir.
2138 – breaking & entering, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
2201 – breaking & entering, 8112 Kirkridge Pk.
2205 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse/

Haggerty

Saturday, Feb. 4:

0058 – disturbance, 2033 Rawsonville
0105 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville/I-94
0355 – suspicious person, 9555 Haggerty, WCCC
0357 – operating while intoxicated, Beck/Ecorse
0403 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Beck
0404 – personal injury accident, Beck/Ecorse
0449 – malicious destruction of property, 48931 Denton

0844 – private property accident, Barnwell / Country Walk Blvd.
0908 – unattended death, 81 Rose Blvd.
0943 – missing person, 47806 Belmont
1045 – suspicious person, Haggerty/Ecorse
1433 – hospice, 14243 Haggerty
1444 – malicious destruction of property, 49891 W. Huron River Dr.

1719 – fraud all, 1053 Savage
1830 – harassment call, 11805 Meadows Circle
1839 – assault & battery, 79 N. Ponderosa Trl.
2001 – intimidation threat, 48910 Denton
2044 – breaking & entering, 51082 Old Michigan
2310 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Belleville
2311 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Rawsonville
2347 – assault & battery, 48041 S. I-94 Service
Also on this week's log are 164 traffic stops, 21 of which were on the freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 29:

0607 – assist citizen, 111 Bedell
1229 – assist fire dept., 409 W. Columbia, St. Anthony
1837 – suicide or attempt, 6 Main
1930 – suspicious person, 45170 Hull

Monday, Jan. 30:

1620 – fraud all, 205 N. Aberdeen Ct.
1846 – property check, 317 S. Industrial Pk. Dr.
2136 – assist fire dept., 3 San Carlos St.

Tuesday, Jan. 31:

0005 – misc. complaint, 167 Fourth St.
0257 – property check, 300 bl. W. Davis St.
1106 – disorderly conduct, BHS
1642 – found property, 6 Main St.
1729 – mental, 416 Sumpter
1856 – civil matter, 50 South
2036 – suspicious situation, 241 Henry
2155 – suspicious vehicle, 594 E. Thornhill Ct.

Wednesday, Feb. 1:

0246 – suspicious situation, 420 Sumpter
0354 – suspicious situation, 651 Greylock
0437 – mental, 168 N. Liberty St.
0811 – assist fire dept., 6 Main
1514 – private property accident, 6 Main
1550 – disorderly conduct, 557 Main
1706 – civil matter, Sumpter Auto Repair
1823 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave, Columbia Court

Thursday, Feb. 2:

0403 – assist fire dept., 41 N. Edgemont
0640 – assist fire dept., 46 Loza Ln.
1608 – assist citizen, 6 Main
1959 – assist fire dept., 494 W. Columbia
2250 – assist citizen, 124 W. Wabash

Friday, Feb. 3:

0751 – intrusion alarm, 203 N. Aberdeen Ct.
0907 – assist fire dept., 590 E. Huron River Dr.
1121 – misc. complaint, 579 E. Thornhill Ct.
1512 – domestic assault, Chase Bank
2037 – civil matter, 35 Loza Lane
2040 – all other traffic, Savage/Traffic
2048 – property damage accident, W. Davis/South
2324 – information, Main/Fifth
2324 – assist citizen, 49265 Hull

Saturday, Feb. 4:

0455 – agency assist, 9450 Haggerty
0914 – suspicious person, 112 E. Davis
1053 – found property, 167 Fourth, library
1139 – intrusion alarm, South Middle School
1230 – trespassing, 124 W. Wabash
1727 – animal complaint, Spencer/Sumpter
2211 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Industrial Park
Also on this week's log are 41 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 29:

0045 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter
0836 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz/Clark
1057 – suspicious incident, 39000 bl. Judd
1713 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell
1947 – alarm, Carriage Lane
2023 – juvenile complaint, 21000 bl. Karr
2154 – warrant arrest, out of township

Monday, Jan. 30:

0005 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster
0050 – shots fired investigation, California
0247 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
0613 – property damage accident, Martinsville / Judd

0817 – misc., 23000 bl. Sumpter
0818 – suspicious incident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1034 – breaking & entering report, Colorado
1038 – ordinance violation, 47000 bl. Bemis
1217 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
1313 – alarm, 8500 bl. Rawsonville
1526 – harassment complaint, 26000 bl. Elwell
1625 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1730 – fire dept. assist, Arizona

Tuesday, Jan. 31:

0302 – missing persons report, 42000 bl. Bemis
1114 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1157 – larceny report, 50000 bl. Judd
1548 – warrant arrest, 47000 bl. Bemis
1651 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Haggerty
1852 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2355 – breaking & entering report, Timberlane

Wednesday, Feb. 1:

0106 – noise complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1631 – larceny report, Rustic Lane
1649 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Bohn
1655 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Harris
1707 – mental health commitment, Virginia
1941 – animal complaint, Willis/Lohr
2118 – 911 hangup investigation, 22000 bl. Sherwood

Thursday, Feb. 2:

0038 – mental health commitment, Virginia
0548 – 911 hangup investigation, Wayside
0741 – animal complaint, Haggerty/Willow
0825 – subpoena service, out of township
1019 – subpoena service, out of township
1021 – missing person recovered, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
1041 – subpoena service, out of township
1119 – subpoena service, out of township
1216 – assist other agency, 29000 bl. Martinsville
1258 – trespassing complaint, 46000 bl. Kozma
1312 – subpoena service, out of township
1627 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Haggerty
1644 – threats complaint, 47000 bl. Judd
1652 – mental health commitment, Pecan
1721 – threats complaint, Arizona
1909 – subpoena service, out of township
2305 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter

Friday, Feb. 3:

0435 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0626 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willow
0903 – warrant arrest, Walnut
1133 – fire dept. assist, Virginia
1142 – fire dept. assist, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz
1309 – warrant arrest, out of township
1434 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Haggerty

1515 – warrant arrest, 25000 bl. Sumpter
1515 – trespassing complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter
1531 – warrant arrest, 25000 bl. Sumpter
1618 – warrant arrest, 26000 bl. Elwell
1732 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Savage
1904 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2055 – disorderly person, 19000 bl. Sumpter
2239 – property damage accident, 17000 bl.

Sumpter

2315 – death investigation, 17000 bl. Martinsville

Saturday, Feb. 4:

0203 – shots fired investigation, 49000 bl. Sherwood
0236 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Elwell/Willow
0249 – suspicious incident, Willis Road
0707 – traffic hazard, Willow/Sherwood
1153 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1210 – malicious destruction of property report, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1344 – misc., 24000 bl. Elwell
1858 – traffic hazard, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2021 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Clark
2053 – suspicious person, 48000 bl. Willis
Also on this week's log are 81 patrol checks, 51 traffic stops, 19 details, and seven citizen assists.

Minding Business

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Day. Take 25% off any one item in the store with their weekly advertisement. Call (734) 699-GIFT (4438).

First United Methodist Church on Charles Street in Belleville will be holding a book sale this Friday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Call (734) 697-9288 for details.

The public is invited to a belated grand opening ribbon cutting event at the **Lunch Box Restaurant** on Main Street next Saturday, Feb. 18, at 11 a.m. Owner **Rodney Herald** will be serving up some of his delicious gourmet deli and other eats. Call (734) 391-8281.

Doug Dalton Auctioneer of Belleville presents an **Estate Antique Auction** tomorrow evening, Feb. 10, at the **Romulus Progressive Hall** on Ozga Road.

There will be two auction rings showcasing items from the old **Halsted/Ludwig Historic Home** in Farmington Hills. For some of the featured items see Doug's ad in today's paper and visit his website for photos at www.dougdaltonauctioneer.com.

Previews begin at 4 p.m. followed by the live auctions at 5 and 6 p.m.

Leo's Coney Island on Belleville Road in the **Murray's Plaza** is now open earlier for breakfast, starting at 6 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 a.m. on Sundays. See their ad in today's paper for great coupon deals on breakfast and a few dollars off your total bill. Call (734) 697-1000.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Community Development Block Grants



A public hearing is scheduled before the City Council on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, for the purpose of

RECEIVING COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The City of Belleville expects to receive **approximately** \$57,000 in year 2012 CDBG funds. Projects must meet HUD regulations and Wayne County's program guidelines. Additional information is available by contacting the City Clerk's office, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 – phone (734) 697-9323.

Pursuant to the program guidelines, the City of Belleville is announcing its program objectives and proposed uses of the **estimated** CDBG funds as follows:

PROPOSED GOALS AND PROJECTS:

GOAL: Suitable Living Environment

Location: city-wide

Activity: Senior/Disabled Services \$ 9,830

Activity: Barrier-free Improvements \$ 40,470

Activity: Senior Chore Services \$ 1,000

Program Administration

Strategic Planning \$ 5,700

TOTAL \$ 57,000

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects and to suggest other projects which meet the County's guidelines.

Lisa Long
City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLISH: February 9, 2012

City of Belleville Public Notice

BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Belleville Police Department is accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles:

1996 Chevrolet Corsica, VIN# 1G1LD55M4TY263679

1997 GMC Stationwagon, VIN# 1GKDT13W1V2508637

The vehicles are being stored at J&T Towing in Belleville. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with which vehicle you are bidding on and "Bid for Vehicle." Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office by February 17, 2012, no later than 4:00 p.m. They will be opened and read publicly at the February 20, 2012 City Council Meeting at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111 in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Vehicles may be viewed at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, Michigan between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the best interest of the City of Belleville.

Date: January 20, 2012

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Jitterbugs set 'Bowling for Ballerinas' fund raiser this Saturday

Jitterbugs Dance will hold a bowling fund raiser for its Competitive Elite Dance Team, from 7 to 10 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10, at Lodge Lanes in Van Buren Township.

They are calling it "Bowling for Ballerinas".

Tickets are \$20 for an adult and \$15 for

youth in advance or \$25 adult and \$20 youth at the door.

The public is invited to come out and enjoy a night with the family or friends and even form their own bowling teams. Lanes are for up to five people.

Tickets include pizza, pop, shoes, and two games of bowling. There will be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and other raffles.

For more information, call Darlene Gerick at 734-231-3441.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR LAWN FERTILIZATION AND WEED CONTROL SERVICES 2012

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting sealed bids for lawn fertilization and weed control services. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "LAWN FERTILIZATION AND WEED CONTROL SERVICES BID" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. EDT Friday, March 9, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened at 10:00 a. m. on Friday, March 9, 2012. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting, tour and question/answer session on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Specifications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Notice of Public Hearing Proposed Application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Van Buren Township Board of Trustees

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties that the Charter Township of Van Buren intends to submit an application for funding assistance for recreation facility development from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund by the application deadline of April 2, 2012. The Township is eligible to submit this application as a local unit of government under Part 19 of the Natural Resources Trust Fund Act, 1994 P.A. 451, as amended.

A public hearing to receive comments on this proposed application will be held at the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees meeting of March 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI. Copies of the proposed application and the 2011-2015 Recreation Plan are available for inspection at the Parks and Recreation Department, at the same address listed above. All interested parties may submit comments in person or in writing to the department Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 734-699-8926 with questions or comments.

Van Buren Township will apply for assistance in restoring access to the road to the back of Township Park and the repair of the existing utilities contained within the roadway. This project is included in the Township's adopted 2011-2015 Recreation Plan adopted last year.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Request for Bid

The Van Buren Public School District is soliciting bids for the purchase and installation of a new Storage Area Network (SAN) and Computer Workstations.

Bid documents will be available on the Convergent Technology Partners website on February 14, 2012, at: <http://vlbp.com/launch/ctpartners/home.php>.

There is a **mandatory** pre-bid meeting on February 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Public Schools – Administration Building 555 West Columbia Ave. Belleville MI 48111.

All bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Van Buren Public Schools, "Storage Area Network and Computer Workstations" and submitted to Attention Mike VanTassel, Superintendent Van Buren Public Schools, 555 West Columbia Ave. Belleville MI 48111. To be considered, bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationships that exists between the owner or any employee of the firm bidding and any member of the Board of Education or Superintendent. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond of not less than 5% of the total bid.

Bids shall be delivered no later than 2:00 p.m. March 6, 2012 and will not be considered or accepted after that time. Bids will be publicly opened and read on March 6, at 2:00 p.m.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or portions thereof, when determined to be in the best interest of the district.

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Evan Basnaw named to fall 2011 Dean's List at LeTourneau University

Evan Basnaw of Belleville, was

recognized for outstanding academic accomplishments by being named to the LeTourneau University Dean's List for the Fall 2011 semester.

LeTourneau University is located in Longview, TX.



City of Belleville Public Notice



Request for Proposals PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

The City of Belleville is accepting proposals for Professional Legal Services until

4:00 P.M. on Monday, February 21, 2012.

Proposals will be accepted for consideration if received by the City Clerk's office no later than 4:00 P.M. on Monday, February 21, 2012.

Respondents will submit eight (8) copies of the proposal. A brief oral presentation of the proposal may be requested such interviews will be scheduled on or before March 16, 2012. The intent of this oral presentation will be to provide your firm an opportunity to clarify the proposal and assure a mutual understanding.

Proposal must be submitted together in one sealed envelope marked "Professional Legal Services", and addressed to

Kerreen Conley, Mayor
6 Main Street
Belleville, MI 48111

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